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**Black Rockfish Closure in the Northeast District of the Kodiak Area  
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The directed black rockfish fishery in the Northeast District of the Kodiak Area will close at 11:59 p.m. on Tuesday, April 23, 2013. Catch reports indicate the total black rockfish harvest is approaching the Northeast District guideline harvest level.

Following the closure, jig gear vessels may retain black rockfish in the Northeast District as bycatch, up to 20 percent by weight of the target species onboard. All other gear types may retain black rockfish as bycatch, up to 5 percent by weight of the target species onboard. Jig vessel operators must contact ADF&G in Kodiak by phone or in person to change district registration.

For more information, contact the Alaska Department of Fish & Game in Kodiak at 486-1840.